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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Support

**SUBJECT:** Delegations of Authority to Classify and  
Declassify Under the Provisions of  
Executive Order 11652

**REFERENCE:** DDS Memorandum Dated 1 May 72, Same Subject

We propose the following list of officials by position  
to whom the authority to classify Top Secret should be  
delegated:

Deputy Director for Science & Technology  
Assistant Deputy Director for Science & Technology  
Executive Officer, Directorate of Science & Technology

Chief, Special Projects Staff, DDS&T  
Deputy Chief, Special Projects Staff, DDS&T

The Director, Deputy Director, and Executive Officer  
of the following DDS&T Offices:

Foreign Missile & Space Analysis Center  
Office of Elint  
Office of Research & Development  
Office of Computer Services  
Office of Special Activities  
Office of Special Projects  
Office of Scientific Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller  
General Counsel  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Plans  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
Deputy to the Director, Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : Delegations of Authority to Classify and Declassify Under  
the Provisions of Executive Order 11652

1. As you know Executive Order 11652 becomes effective 1 June 1972 and several actions must be completed before that date if we are to be in compliance with the Order.
2. Despite the fact that we have not yet received the final version of the implementing instructions from the White House we are expected to submit our internal implementing regulation to the White House for review before 15 May and have it published and distributed in the Agency before 1 June. If we are going to meet these very tight deadlines in the absence of additional implementing guidance we are going to have to adapt our present classification control system to accommodate the new requirements acknowledging imperfections. The General Counsel is preparing a new draft Headquarters Regulation with these factors in mind.
3. E.O. 11652 also requires that the Director designate a representative of the Agency as a member of an Interagency Classification Review Committee to assist the National Security Council in monitoring the implementation of the Order. The Director is also required to designate a senior member of his staff to chair an internal Agency committee to ensure compliance within the Agency. I am preparing a separate memorandum for your consideration of a suggestion for satisfying these requirements.

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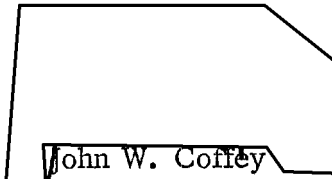
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downgrading and  
declassification

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4. A third action required in preparation for the implementation of E.O. 11652 is the delegation of authority to classify Top Secret to certain Agency officials. Section 2 of the Executive Order says: "The authority to originally classify information or material under this order shall be restricted solely to those offices within the executive branch which are concerned with matters of national security, and shall be limited to the minimum number absolutely required for efficient administration." The order grants authority to classify Top Secret to the Director and to such of his senior principal deputies as he may designate in writing; and to such heads and senior principal deputies and assistants of major elements of the Agency as the Director may designate in writing.

5. If we are going to be prepared to implement E.O. 11652 when it becomes effective, the delegations of authority will have to have been accomplished by 1 June. If you will furnish me a list of officials by position to whom you feel the authority to classify Top Secret must be delegated, I will arrange for its compilation into an Agency list for the Director's signature. If I have your lists by 9 May, there will be ample time to arrange for the issuance. As a point of departure, a list of officials meeting the definition in the E.O. is attached.



John W. Coffey  
Deputy Director  
for Support

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Attachment

cc: Director of Security

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Attachment to  
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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
The Executive Director-Comptroller  
The Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting  
and his Deputy  
The Legislative Counsel and his Deputy  
The General Counsel and his Deputy  
The Deputy to the Director, Intelligence Community  
and his Deputy  
The Inspector General, his Deputy, and the Chief, Audit Staff  
The Deputy Directors for Intelligence, Plans, Science and  
Technology, and Support, and their Assistant Deputies  
The Directors and Deputy Directors of components immediately  
subordinate to the Deputy Directors for Intelligence,  
Science and Technology, and Support  
The Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs of Area Divisions and Senior  
Staffs reporting directly to the Deputy Director for Plans

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called re a correction in a memorandum  
by Mr. Coffey to the Deputies (DD/S-72-1746, 1 May 1972)

Para. 4, last sentence should read:

The order grants authority to classify  
Top Secret to the Director and to such of his senior  
principal deputies and assistants as he may designate  
in writing.

The correction is the addition of the two underlined  
words.